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Dear Ms. Stevens;

I am writing to address Indiana's Draft Pollution Rules that would allow polluting discharges into Lake Michigan.

I do not feel that Indiana should allow exemptions to companies which would allow them to justify new or increase discharges into the lake above background levels.

There should be no exemptions even when there may be an economic development. The lake is the source of drinking water for far too many citizens to allow Lake Michigan to be degraded by any discharges from industry.

The new rules should also require that all new or increased discharges that exceed background pollution levels in Lake Michigan undergo thorough antidegradation review and justification.

Lake Michigan should be preserved and protected from new and increased pollution.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
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